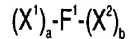


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12 (withdrawn)

13 (currently amended) A composition of matter of the formula



wherein:

F¹ is a vehicle selected from the group consisting of an Fc domain, a linear polymer, a branched chain polymer, a lipid, a cholesterol group, a carbohydrate, an oligosaccharide, a natural protein, a synthetic protein, and a polypeptide or peptide that binds to a salvage receptor;

X¹ and X² are each independently selected from -(L¹)_c-P¹, -(L¹)_c-P¹-(L²)_d-P², -(L¹)_c-P¹-(L²)_d-P²-(L³)_e-P³, and -(L¹)_c-P¹-(L²)_d-P²-(L³)_e-P³-(L⁴)_f-P⁴

P¹, P², P³, and P⁴ are each independently

- a. the consensus region of TACI (SEQ ID NO: 16);
- b. the consensus region of BCMA (SEQ ID NO: 7); or
- c. the TACI/BCMA extracellular consensus sequence (SEQ ID NO: 13)

but not the extracellular region of TACI (SEQ ID NO: 15) or the extracellular region of BCMA

(SEQ ID NO: 6);

L¹, L², L³, and L⁴ are each independently linkers; and

a, b, c, d, e, and f are each independently 0 or 1, provided that at least one of a and b is 1, and

wherein neither X¹ nor X² is a native protein.

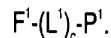
14 (original) The composition of matter of Claim 13 of the formulae



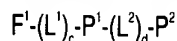
or



15 (original) The composition of matter of Claim 14 of the formula



16 (currently amended) The composition of matter of Claim 14 of the formula



wherein one of P¹ and P² is a specific binding partner for ~~TACI~~ AGP-3 and the other is a specific binding partner for BCMA-APRIL.

17 (currently amended) The composition of matter of Claim 16, wherein ~~the vehicle~~ F¹ is an Fc domain.